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SP 421 WOMEN IN IRISH SOCIETY

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Time Allowed: 3 1/2 Hours (1/2 Hour extra for those whose first language is not English)

Please answer 3 questions

1. Give an account of the major social and economic changes which have occurred in Ireland since the 1960's and analyse the impact these changes have made on the lives of women in Ireland.
2. 'For all practical purposes race is not so much a biological phenomenon as a social myth'. Kenan Malik (1996). Critically analyse this perspective on racism paying particular attention to the experiences of women refugees and asylum seekers in Ireland today.
3. Outline feminist analyses of the sexual division of labour making reference to women's work - both paid and unpaid - in contemporary Irish society.
4. Outline the main changes which have occurred with regard to reproductive rights in Ireland since the 1970's. In your answer discuss the areas legislative changes have addressed **and** the areas which remain to be addressed.
5. Give an overview of the main research findings on the nature of female experiences and participation in the education system in Ireland. Evaluate the key changes which have occurred regarding girls and women and discuss the principal issues which need to be addressed in the future.
6. Critically analyse feminist analyses of violence against women making reference to the phenomenon of rape in Irish society.